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**Introduced by Senator Alarcon**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 126—Relative to the importation of liquefied natural gas.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 126, as introduced, Alarcon. Importation of liquefied natural gas.

This measure would declare, in the event liquefied natural gas (LNG) is imported into the State of California by sea-borne transportation, that all longshore work and all vessels, including offshore and shore-side receiving terminals, should be crewed and staffed by a unionized work force, and that all required merchant mariner documents should be of United States Coast Guard issue.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, It is recognized that the importation of liquefied
- 2 natural gas (LNG) into the State of California may be beneficial
- 3 to working families in that this clean burning fuel may offset the
- 4 rising cost of energy and its wider use may greatly increase the
- 5 air quality in the state; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Working families live in proximity to the sites
- 7 presently proposed for LNG receiving facilities and could be
- 8 severely affected by catastrophic consequences should safety and
- 9 security be compromised; and
- 10 WHEREAS, A unionized work force will be much more
- 11 inclined to report safety and security violations versus a
- 12 nonunionized work force; and

1 WHEREAS, The United States must protect its citizens and  
2 seaports from the dangers associated with terrorism and  
3 casualties related to: inadequately trained personnel;  
4 underqualified mariners; and workers who do not receive  
5 security-sensitive background checks by United States  
6 Government agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard and the Federal  
8 Bureau of Investigation are able to ascertain the identity and  
9 proficiency of mariners who hold United States Coast Guard  
10 issued documents or certifications satisfying all regulatory  
11 requirements surrounding the LNG trade; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard and the Federal  
13 Bureau of Investigation are not able to ascertain the identity and  
14 proficiency of mariners who do not hold United States Coast  
15 Guard issued documents or certifications, the identity and  
16 proficiency of these mariners will be in question, and their  
17 employment in the LNG trade will be a distinct compromise of  
18 safety and security; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares, in the  
21 event liquefied natural gas (LNG) is imported into the State of  
22 California by sea-borne transportation, that all longshore work  
23 and all vessels, including offshore and shore-side receiving  
24 terminals, should be crewed and staffed by a unionized work  
25 force, and that all required merchant mariner documents should  
26 be of United States Coast Guard issue.

27 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
28 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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